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RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your June 26, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You requested the following:

“Any and all emails, memos, memos of conversation, reports, written or recorded justifications, and other records related to the following FOIA requests that I filed in June of 2019 and in which I have been denied by NNSA my requested fee status which has been unproblematic granted to me for over a year now:

FOIA 19-00237-EW

FOIA 19-00234-M

FOIA 19-00231-DD

FOIA 19-00232-EW

Please be sure to include, but not limit yourself to, records relevant to the decision to deny my requested fee status and the process of doing so. You may restrict your search for responsive records to the period between May 1, 2019 and June 26, 2019.”

Your request was received in our office on July 1, 2019. It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. Although we are committed to responding to your request in a timely manner, we estimate that we will not be able to respond to your request in 20 working days. Some requests require additional time to complete, depending upon the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter. We have determined that for your request, we need more time to complete the search, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you. Reformulating or otherwise narrowing the scope of your request may result in a quicker processing time.

In your FOIA request, you identified yourself in the educational/scientific category for fee purposes. Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.2(c) we are requesting additional information in order to

determine your fee category. Please provide an explanation to us regarding the intended use of the records you are requesting. If we do not receive a response regarding your intended use of the records by July 31, 2019, we will consider your request withdrawn and will close it with no further action.

You may contact NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison at 1-866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, for further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you have questions concerning the processing of this request, please contact me by e-mail at Kari.Martinez@nnsa.doe.gov, or write to the address above. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00266-KM in your communication.

Sincerely



Kari Martinez
FOIA Specialist